

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Seifollah Nanaji

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For: UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK VAPOR PRESSURE EQUALIZER

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allowable. However, Applicant reserves the right to further address the rejection of claim 103 in the future if necessary.

For at least the same reasons claim 103 is allowable, claim 104 is also allowable. However, Applicant reserves the right to further address the rejection of claim 104 in the future if necessary.

Claims 105 has been amended to be in independent form and claims "closing said valve if the temperature of the volatile liquid is not greater than a temperature preset value." MacDowell does not disclose this step. Further, even when MacDowell is combined with the prior art of record, this deficiency is not cured. As such, claim 105 is allowable.

For at least the same reasons claim 105 is allowable, claims 106-111 are also allowable. However, Applicant reserves the right to further address the rejections of claims 106-111 in the future if necessary.

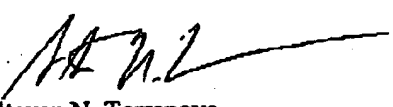
Conclusion

In view of the discussion above, claims 71-75, 78-81, and 101-111 are allowable. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. If any issues remain, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record to expedite allowance and issue.



Respectfully submitted,

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